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[H.J. Res. 200]

Designating March 21, 1984, as "National Single Parent Day".

Whereas there are fourteen million single parents in the United States, the number doubling in the last ten years;

Whereas 20 per centum of all our Nation's children are now living in single parent families, and an estimated 50 per centum of this Nation's children will live with a single parent before the age of eighteen;

Whereas in the past, single parent families have not always been an accepted part of society;

Whereas single parents have struggled courageously to raise their children to a healthy maturity, with the full sense of being loved and accepted as persons, and with the same prospects for adulthood as children who mature with their two parents together; and

Whereas it is time to recognize the courage and dedication of these parents who work to maintain strong family units and to be responsible members of American society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That March 21, 1984, is designated "National Single Parent Day". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved March 21, 1984.

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